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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 10/552,209  
Applicants: Keisuke Tsunetsugu, et al.  
Filed: June 29, 2006  
Title: VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR AND  
APPARATUSES USING THE SAME  
T.C./A.U.: 1794  
Examiner: Alexander S. Thomas  
Confirmation No.: 6767  
Docket No.: MAT-8743US

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 20, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.